

Indiana State Prison Minimum Security Offenders Help Local Community

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Indiana State Prison Minimum Security Offenders shovel sidewalks at the corner of Franklin Street and Pytynia Parkway in Michigan City.

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Michigan City, Indiana – (February 15, 2007) – Offender work crews at the Indiana State Prison Minimum Security Unit spend two days shoveling bus stops and street corners in Michigan City, following an eight inch snowfall and gusty winds.

“The Indiana Department of Correction has received many requests from the northern and central communities in Indiana from the winter storm effects,” said Commissioner J. David Donahue. “We will continue to provide any support we can make sure that remote areas are taken care of, making for a safer travel environment.”

Michigan City Central Services Superintendent, Jim Elwell stated. “The minimum security offender crew has provided valuable assistance to the city during our cleanup efforts following this storm. The prison crews were here right away clearing our sidewalks, bus stops, and handicap accessible sidewalk ramps. Without their help, we would not have been able to clean these areas for quite some time since staff our being has been busy plowing the city’s streets.”

“The staff and offenders located at the State Prison are always available to assist the city when needed,” said Facility Superintendent Ed Buss.

The Indiana State Prison Minimum Security Unit is located on the grounds of the Indiana State Prison and houses 321 offenders.

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